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SUBJ: RHODESIA: TALK OF INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

REFS: A) PRETORIA 3997, B) PRETORIA 4183

1. SUMMARY. THE RHODESIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER
HAS PUBLICLY INDICATED THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE
IS UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT RHODESIA WILL SEEK AN INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT. MEANWHILE, SITHOLE HAS EXPANDED ON HIS
WILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH SMITH ON AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.
END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO SA PRESS REPORTS, MINISTER OF FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS P.K. VAN DER BYL ON AUGUST 24 TV CAMPAIGN BROADCAST
SAID THE "HISTORY OF PREVARICATION AND DECEIT OF THE
ANGLO-AMERICANS IS WELL KNOWN. WE KNOW BEYOND ANY
SHADOW OF DOUBT THAT THEIR INTENTION IS TO IMPOSE
AN INTOLERABLE SETTLEMENT UPON US WITH THE BACKING
OF THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT."
(SABC COMMENTED AT END OF REPORTING BROADCAST THAT

"SOURCES" STATED THAT VAN DER BYL WAS REFERRING TO PAST SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS.) REFLECTING A CONSISTENT THEME IN RHODESIAN FRONT MINISTERS' CAMPAIGN SPEECHES OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS, VAN DER BYL SAID THAT RHODESIA NOW NEEDS A MANDATE FROM ITS PEOPLE TO SEEK AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

3. MEANWHILE, PRESS REPORTS FROM SALISBURY OVER THE LAST WEEK INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONTACT BETWEEN THE SITHOLE GROUP AND SMITH. ONE ARTICLE QUOTED SITHOLE AS SAYING THAT HE FULLY EXPECTED TO SEE SMITH AFTER THE AUGUST 31 ELECTIONS. HE SAID "MIRACLES ARE HAPPENING... AND MR. SMITH AND I FIND OURSELVES IN THE SAME COUNTRY." IN AN INTERVIEW ON AUGUST 24, SITHOLE DISMISSED NYERERE REFERENCE TO AN ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN TO ACCEPT PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES AS NEW ZIMBABWE ARMY. HE CALLED THE IDEA "TOTALLY UNREALISTIC." SITHOLE SAID THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD BEEN "MASSIVELY REJECTED" BY RHODESIANS. HE STATED THAT AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS THE ONLY OPTION AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS READY TO DEAL WITH SMITH.

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